

**Abstract**

A system and method for facilitating communications amongst a plurality of mobile units in a network establishes a plurality of underlay communication cells (201, 220, 222). At least two of the plurality of mobile units are positioned in at least one of the underlay communication cells, the units being capable of communications via the underlay communication cells (201, 220, 222). An overlay communication cell (212) is established and covers the same area as at least the underlay cells (201, 220, 222) that include the at least two of the plurality of mobile units. An association between underlay cells (201, 220, 222) is established that include the at least two mobile units and the overlay communication cell (212). A group communication call is established between the at least two mobile units using the overlay cell.